

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 28, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-18, 36, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,442,714, issued to Griffin et al. (hereinafter "Griffin"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,671,351, issued to Wild et al. (hereinafter "Wild"). Claims 19 and 44-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffin, in view of Wild, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,807,559, issued to Budhiraja (hereinafter "Budhiraja"). Claims 48 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffin, in view of Wild and Budhiraja, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,507, issued to Wookey (hereinafter "Wookey"). Claims 7, 12, 13, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffin, in view of Wild, and in further view of Official Notice.

In response, applicants have amended Claims 1, 17, and 36. Claims 3-6, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, and 42-49 have been amended to address typographical errors. Claim 14 is canceled. Claims 1-13, 15-20, 36, and 42-49 are now pending in the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and for the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Rejection of Independent Claims 1, 17, and 36 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 17, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffin, in view of Wild. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that Griffin, in view of Wild, does not teach or suggest a user interface that *dynamically reconfigures* in response to information entered by a user of a particular client device *without communicating with a server while reconfiguring*.

Griffin purportedly describes a centralized product testing system and method for its operation. Griffin, Abstract. The system and method in Griffin require a connection to a centralized web server, where a Perl script is executed to display a web form containing the test

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interface to the user. Griffin, Fig. 7. This fails to teach or suggest the elements of Claims 1, 17, and 36, as any configuration of the user interface in Griffin in response to user input would necessarily happen through the connection to the server. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that Griffin does not teach or suggest a user interface that *dynamically reconfigures* in response to information entered by a user of a particular client device *without communicating with a server while reconfiguring*, as recited in amended Claims 1, 17, and 36.

Likewise, Wild purportedly describes a system and method for testing and monitoring an application. Wild, Abstract. Wild describes the operation of a user interface in response to user input. Wild, Col. 8, ln. 60-Col. 13, ln. 8. This description outlines all possible user inputs at each step, and how the user interface will react to each given input. See, e.g., Wild, Col. 11, ln. 43-46 ("From the Test Cases screen shown in FIG. 6, the user has only four options. The user may select the Cancel button 6g; the Control button 6c; the Report button 5d; or a test case then select the Execute button 6h."). While any user interface reacts to user input, applicants respectfully submit that Wild describes a standardized user interface with a limited set of inputs and behaviors, and therefore does not teach or suggest a user interface that *dynamically reconfigures* in response to information entered by a user of a particular client device *without communicating with a server while reconfiguring*, as recited in amended Claims 1, 17, and 36.

Since neither Griffin nor Wild teaches or suggests a user interface that dynamically reconfigures in response to information entered by a user of a particular client device without communicating with a server while reconfiguring, applicants submit that withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection with respect to Claims 1, 17, and 36 is merited.

Rejection of Dependent Claims 2-13, 15, 16, 18-20, and 42-49 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Rejected Claims 2-13, 15, 16, and 42-49 depend from Claim 1. Claims 18-20 depend from Claim 17. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable at least by virtue of these dependencies, as well as by virtue of the other limitations set forth therein.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 6, 8-10, 19, and 44-47 in particular are allowable by virtue of the limitations set forth therein. For example, Claim 6 recites: "The system of Claim 3, further comprising: a report package generated by the problem-reporting client, wherein the report package contains the report file and additional report information." The Office Action admits that "[Griffin] fails to expressly disclose the generation of a report package containing the report file and additional report information." Office Action, para. 24. The Office Action then alleges Budhiraja "discloses a system wherein cabinet files are used to package class files of applets in said compressed cabinet files." Office Action, para. 24. This feature of Budhiraja does not make up the deficiencies of Griffin, in that Budhiraja does not disclose that the report package contains the report file and additional report information. Similarly, the cited art does not teach or suggest the additional limitations of Claims 8-10, which are dependent on Claim 6 and recite report packages that contain "hardware information for the particular client device operated by a software user" (Claim 8), "additional files as designated in the set of report user interface definition files" (Claim 9), and "additional files as designated by a software user of the particular client device" (Claim 10).

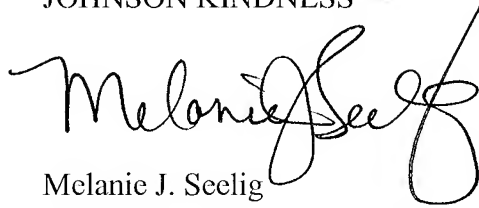
Accordingly, applicants submit that Claims 2-13, 15, 16, 18-20, and 42-49 are patentable over the cited prior art and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance over the cited and applied references, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same. The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below to resolve any issues that may arise in order to advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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